

Subject: Public Comment

From: Sonya DeLuca <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 15:08:21 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

CC: Jennifer Putnam <[REDACTED]>

Attached please find our public comment regarding the possible realignment of California congressional districts.

Thank you,

Sonya DeLuca
Program Director
Napa Valley Grapegrowers

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To preserve and promote Napa Valley's world-class vineyards

Redistricting letter to Commissioner Filkins Webber 3.31.11 (email).pdf



Commissioner Jodie Filkins Webber
Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street Suite 101
Sacramento, Ca 95814

March 31, 2011

Dear Commissioner Filkins Webber,

We write you on behalf of the over 550 members of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers, a non-profit organization representing the interests of vineyard landowners and associated businesses in Napa County, to provide comment on the possible realignment of California congressional districts.

We recognize the shared interests of Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, and Yolo counties with respect to our significant wine, tourism and agricultural industries and appreciate the consistently excellent representation of such interests at the congressional level. On account of our thriving wine, agricultural, recreation, and tourism industries - not to mention our shared watersheds - we strongly urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep all of these counties in one U.S. Congressional District in order for these interests to best be represented.

We believe that the current congressional boundaries are geographically, culturally, and economically the most logical, and result in the most efficient and effective representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

David Beckstoffer, President

Jim Verhey, Chair, Industry Issues
Committee

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Paul Dolan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 17:01:37 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I would like to see a connection between the napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties because of the interconnectedness of the wine community.

We buy and sell both wine and grapes on an ongoing basis.

Typos courtesy of my IPAD

Paul Dolan

Paul Dolan Vineyards
[REDACTED]

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From: "Anne Steinhauer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 14:38:15 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hi,

Can you please share the attached letters with the appropriate commissioner and add to the website?

Thanks!

Anne Steinhauer, Community Relations Manager
Napa Valley Vintners

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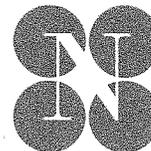
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March 16, 2011

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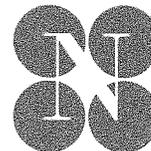
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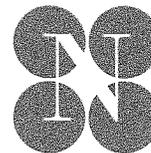
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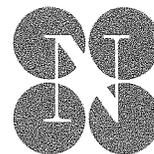
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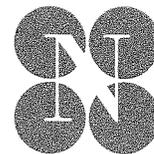
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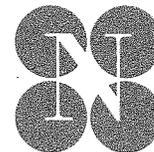
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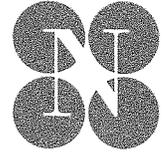
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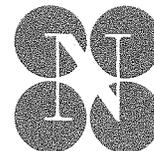
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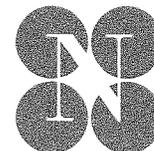
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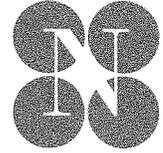
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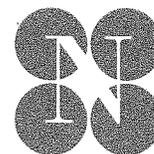
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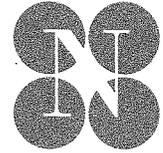
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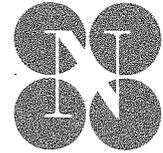
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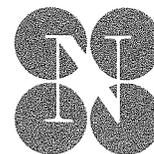
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The NVV appreciates this distinction and recommends that the northern California wine industry in the counties of Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma and Yolo be considered by the Citizens Redistricting Commission to be geographically continuous, compact and an agricultural community of interest and be incorporated into one Congressional district. All five counties are actively engaged in agriculture, grape growing and wine making. The citizens live in similar rural agricultural areas, share common social and economic interests, and many of the same standards of living such as common transportation facilities, work opportunities, and access to the same media outlets as relevant to the election process and therefore would be better served by not being drawn in the same district as an urban area.

Therefore the NVV appreciates the Citizen Redistricting Commissions consideration of including Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma and Yolo Counties in one Congressional District.

Thank you for your service and consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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President, Napa Valley Vintners Board of Directors

cc: Lake County Winegrape Growers
Mendocino Winegrape and Wine Commission
Napa Valley Grapegrowers
Napa County Farm Bureau
Sonoma County Winegrape Commission
Winegrowers of Napa County
Yolo County Visitors Bureau

